



CITY OF MORGAN HILL

17555 PEAK AVENUE MORGAN HILL CALIFORNIA 95037

AFTER ACTION
LIBRARY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2000

Morgan Hill Civic Center
City Council Chambers
17555 Peak Avenue
Morgan Hill, California
(408)779-7271

Chair

Evelyn Kobayashi

Vice-Chair

Kathleen Keeshen

Commission Member

Charles Dillmann

Commission Member

Jeanne Gregg

Commission Member

Carol G. Holzgrafe

Commission Member

Kathleen Stanaway

Commission Member

Mary Ellen Salzano

6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kobayashi

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Recreation Manager Spier

DECLARATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA

Per Government Code 54954.2 by Recreation Manager Spier

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

STANDING REPORTS:

1. COUNTY LIBRARY REPORT

No Report.

County Librarian Susan Fuller

2. MORGAN HILL LIBRARY REPORT

User Statistics-Staffing-Programs-Upcoming Events

Community Librarian Sarah Flowers

Sept. 30 Diane Day, Mystery Writer, will have a book signing at the library. She writes historical mysteries that occur in the early 1900s in San Francisco.

Summer Reading club wrap-up party was last Thursday. There were over 500 sign-ups from grades K-6th. The teen program had 65 signed up with 30 who participated.

At the School-City-Library Meeting the librarians agreed to create packets for teachers new in the district for orientation purposes which will include library card applications and service information.

September is Library Card Sign-up Month / School Open Houses and staff will coordinate with back to school nights. Staff may incorporate assistance from Friend's volunteers. Friends of the Morgan Hill Library will have a booth at the Taste of Morgan Hill. Also working on plans for an open house possibly in October with teachers from K-6th before school and 7th - 12th in late afternoon.

3. POLICE INCIDENT IN FRONT OF THE LIBRARY Mayor Pro Tem Steve Tate

The incident took place on July 10th in front of St. Catherine's Church where a suspect ran off to the front of the library when the police arrived. The suspect was high on drugs and resisted arrest. The suspect was trying to run away and ended up at the library. The incident took place at 7:30 p.m. and the library patrons were not even aware it had occurred. The library location presents no significant risk according to Police Chief Schwab. No special security activities need to take place according to the Chief.

Chair Kobayashi stated that this was a message to the public not to consider the library a safe place to leave children. Mayor Pro Tem Tate replied that this is not a safety exposure issue in comparison to any other location in town.

Librarian Flowers stated that the library is a public place, no safer than a park or mall.

Mayor Pro Tem Tate asked if there was any follow-up required and was told no.

Chair Kobayashi inquired what was the police presence during summer on this part of town?

Tate replied that civilian officers are on the Council agenda for this Wednesday.

BUSINESS:

4. SCHOOL-CITY-LIBRARY JOINT MEETING JULY 26 Chair Kobayashi

Recommended Action: Review meeting minutes and provide comment.

Commissioner Salzano suggested that a van is provided to transport seniors to the new library site possibly once a month. She suggested that there might be joint grant opportunities?

Commissioner Dillmann asked what does Outreach provide for senior transportation? Could that option be used for the seniors to travel to the library?

Commissioner Salzano said she had spoke to a community member about education and literacy and was concerned about students who were further away from the proposed library site with no funds for transportation to the library.

She is exploring the bookmobile idea to reach this population.

Council member Tate will take the draft minutes to the City-School meeting on Tuesday, August 15.

Letter by Commissioner Gregg to Home & School Clubs was reviewed.

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 10, 2000.

Motion made by Commissioner Dillmann, seconded by Commissioner Salzano, all approved 7:0.

6. LIBRARY SITE SELECTION WORKSHOP

Recommended Action: Adjourn the regular meeting; Open the public workshop to be facilitated by Frants Albert, consultant, Conduct the public workshop; Close the public workshop and Reconvene the meeting for Commission discussion and Recommendation on the ranking of sites.

Regular meeting was adjourned at 7:00p.m. and the public workshop was opened.

Eugenie Thompson, traffic consultant was on hand to answer questions.

Public Comments:

Concern raised regarding fiscal responsibility: building the same costs, then the land is the variable. Frants Albert, consultant, will address in the draft report.

Questions: School district's response? Consultant will contact.

What will happen with the current building? Premature to discuss but there are other community facility purposes that can be accommodated.

Questions regarding future traffic patterns for the City. Eugenie Thompson will confirm direction.

Security at Community Park is a concern. Will suggest open entry and better lighting.

There will also be increased temptation to use as a daycare while parents shop with the proximity to shopping.

What about fiscal analysis--what are the real numbers? Information being assembled on property values but is more of a range than real numbers.

Staff Joyce Maskell stated that this is an impartial and analytical process so far.

9:00p.m. Workshop was closed and the regular meeting of the Library Commission was reconvened.

Commissioner Salzano: Pay attention to obstacles i.e.: the single parent with children and transit

:look at bookmobiles, vans and partnerships

:possible safety issue with the park

:work with the Police Chief and other commissions to alleviate issues

:Sense of loss and grief at losing the current site

Vice-Chair Keeshen: Pleased to receive varied comments

:needs to hear from the community

:attempt to do the right thing with thanks to all who participated

Commissioner Holzgrafe: Pleased at breadth of representation

:people in this community love their library

:transport to library, how do they do it now?

:new and best library for all

Commissioner Gregg: New Library Commissioner (3 months)

:thank Frants Albert for acknowledging comments from the community

:Eugenia: good to see here. Professional people addressing issues.

Commissioner Dillmann: Opposite of NIMBY

: this site has construction problems

: serves only 600 students

:St. Catherine's new building has potential traffic concerns

:City Hall needs expansion

:backside at City Hall was once slated to be a park?

:need to acquire land

:vague on what is the long-range traffic plan for Morgan Hill?

If Butterfield comes through to Tennant then that would have impact on Edmundson.

:consider that the present senior center may not be the long term location

:look to a site that can accommodate a flexible library and the current site doesn't

Commissioner Stanaway: gut, heart feelings plus nuts & bolts-

:please consider all engineering and personal preferences

:see tremendous attraction for schools to keep here

:Edmundson attraction is the park synergy

Chair Kobayashi: impressed and thrilled to work with Frants Albert.

:Displayed clarity and thorough process

Public Comment:

Laura Brunton: traffic problem here (DeWitt Ave is run-off for Santa Teresa)

Phil Flowers: budget is critical but understand property acquisition is confidential at this point, it is a complex issue.

: have to decide abstractly in some ways

Mark Grzan: proud of the public communication with this project

Commissioner Dillmann: Other point: Regarding Community Park crime, the building will have a positive impact on this issue. Need to also consider who is being served and the convenience: proximity to high density housing.

Comment was closed at 9:25 p.m.

Commissioner Holzgrafe made a motion to thank Frants Albert for a truly excellent job. Vice-Chair Keeshen seconded the motion, all approved 7:0.

Full evaluation on top three sites?

Commissioner Stanaway asked what work remains to be done? What is the remaining scope of work?

Frants Albert replied that it is fairly clear what the analysis says. Could direct further information in any particular area that the Commission feels is lacking.

Frants Albert stated that the Traffic Consultant will address safety problems on Edmundson and DeWitt areas.

Staff Joyce Maskell stated that the budget needs to be reviewed and the sub-consultant reports incorporated.

Commissioner Gregg stated that she accepts the ranking as presented tonight and is convinced of the viability of the study. Still has concerns with financial ramifications.

Vice-Chair Keeshen made a motion to accept the recommendations as presented by the consultant Frants Albert tonight and to move forward with preparation of the final draft. Motion seconded by Commissioner Holzgrafe and passed: 5:2 (Dillmann, Stanaway).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Purpose: Commissioners and staff to recommend items to be placed on the agenda.

Friends of the Library involvement.

Library Commission Organizational Workshop

Report by Vice-Chair Keeshen on First Annual Stanford-California State Library Institute

Motion to adjourn by Vice-Chair Keeshen and seconded by Holzgrafe, all approved.

ADJOURNMENT Next meeting scheduled for September 11, 2000.